



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Birnstiel *et al.*

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For: **New Protein-Polycation
Conjugates**

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and 1.115

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 1993, a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee of \$840.00 are being filed herewith, Applicants request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered in light of the following remarks.

Amendment

In the claims:

1. (Amended) New protein-polycation conjugates which are capable of forming, with nucleic acids or nucleic acid analogues, soluble complexes which are absorbed into human or animal cells, characterised in that the protein component of the conjugates is a protein capable of binding to a cell surface protein other than the transferrin receptor

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